

Lake of the Isles

Minneapolis, Minnesota

As part of the Lake of the Isles Planning Team, Applied Ecological Services, Inc. acted as the lead ecological consultant during planning and conceptual design phases. Thirty years of intensive use, and recurring floods and droughts have adversely affected recreation facilities and environmental conditions at Lake of the Isles, the Twin Cities gateway to the Chain of Lakes. In response, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is working with a Citizen Advisory Committee and the Lake of the Isles Planning Team in preparing a concept plan for rejuvenating and restoring Lake of the Isles.

Applied Ecological Services main role was to document/assess existing environmental conditions, to identify environmentally sensitive areas, and provide conceptual solutions to shoreline stabilization and restoration problems. AES also provided technical assistance in design of architectural or “hard-edge” solutions in environmentally sensitive areas.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is currently pursuing funding through state, local, and other sources for the restoration of the lake and its shoreline.

